

World Markets

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	Index	Value at close	Day on Day	YTD	YTD(Rs)
	MSCI All Country World	1,066.46	-0.52%	5.11%	5.20%
US	S&P 500	7,064.01	-0.63%	3.19%	3.28%
	DOW JONES	49,149.38	-0.59%	2.26%	2.35%
	NASDAQ	24,259.96	-0.59%	4.38%	4.47%
	STOXX 600	616.03	-0.87%	4.03%	4.71%
Europe	CAC 40	8,235.72	-1.14%	1.06%	1.72%
	DAX	24,270.87	-0.60%	-0.90%	-0.25%
	FTSE 100	10,498.09	-1.05%	5.71%	6.53%
Asia	NIKKEI 225	59,349.17	0.89%	17.90%	16.65%
	HANG SENG	26,487.48	0.48%	3.34%	3.34%
	CSI 300	4,768.00	0.22%	2.98%	6.62%
	SENSEX	79,273.33	0.96%	-6.98%	-10.28%
Mauritius	SEMDEX	2,264.06	0.63%	-4.94%	-4.94%
	SEM-10	429.46	0.78%	-3.57%	-3.57%
	SEMTRI	10,811.25	0.63%	-4.53%	-4.53%
	DEMEX	215.94	-0.06%	-3.90%	-3.90%
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity	133.82	0.64%	22.00%	22.10%
	WTI Crude Oil	92.13	2.81%	60.45%	60.59%
	Gold	4,720.04	-2.09%	9.28%	9.37%
	Silver	76.73	-3.76%	7.07%	7.16%

Country	Central Bank	Policy Rate	Govt Yields	
			2 Yr	10 Yr
US	FED	3.50%- 3.75%	3.78%	4.29%
UK	BOE	3.75%	4.27%	4.88%
Europe	ECB	2.00%	2.53%	3.00%
Japan	BOJ	0.75%	1.36%	2.40%
Mauritius	BOM	4.50%	4.60%	5.54%

Currency*	Value Today	Day on Day	YTD
USD/MUR	46.54	0.39%	0.09%
GBP/MUR	62.90	0.32%	0.78%
EUR/MUR	54.65	0.07%	0.65%
AUD/MUR	34.71	0.39%	7.53%
ZAR/MUR	2.92	-0.34%	0.34%
GBP/USD	1.35	-0.20%	0.24%
EUR/USD	1.17	-0.37%	-0.02%
AUD/USD	0.72	-0.36%	7.18%
USD/JPY	159.37	0.35%	1.70%
USD/CNY	6.83	0.13%	-2.31%

*Foreign Currency Rates against the Mauritian Rupee are MCB's mid-rates. For transactions purposes, kindly contact your Private Banker.

Weekly Events Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	US Retail Sales UK Unemployment	Japan Balance of Trade UK Inflation Rate Mauritius CPI	US PMI UK PMI	Japan Inflation Rate

World News

US

- Meta is installing new tracking software on US-based employees' computers to capture mouse movements, clicks and keystrokes for use in training its artificial intelligence models, part of a broad initiative to build AI agents that can perform work tasks autonomously, the company told staffers in internal memos. Meta is planning to lay off 10% of its workforce globally starting on May 20 and is eyeing additional large cuts later this year.[\(Source\)](#)
- Kalshi and Polymarket are getting closer to launching new products that will take them deeper into crypto trading with so-called perpetual futures. Kalshi plans to launch the product, tied to the prices of cryptocurrencies, in the coming weeks. The products will be Kalshi's first foray beyond the event contracts it offers on its prediction markets. Shortly after the first news reports on Kalshi's plans, Polymarket announced on social media that it too is launching perpetuals.[\(Source\)](#)

Europe

- The war in the Middle East will have an estimated impact on the French budget of as much as €6 billion (\$7.1 billion), Finance Minister Roland Lescure said in an interview with RTL radio. Prime Minister Sébastien Lecornu sent a letter to his ministers saying that government departments will have to make cuts to offset the impact of the conflict and keep the budget deficit on course for its 5% target for 2026, Le Monde reported. The government plans to freeze approximately €6 billion in spending, including roughly €4 billion for the central government and €2 billion for social security, the paper said.[\(Source\)](#)
- Deutsche Telekom AG is considering a full combination with its American arm T-Mobile US Inc. to create a multinational telecom group. The potential deal would create a single, simplified corporate group that controls the operations of Deutsche Telekom and T-Mobile and would be jointly owned by the two companies' current investors. Any transaction would require political support and may face significant obstacles, including the need for approval in Berlin and Washington, and commitments to keep a major base in Germany and make significant investments in the US.[\(Source\)](#)

Asia & Emerging

- Japan's exports rose for a seventh straight month in March with a year-on-year increase of 11.7%. Demand tied to artificial intelligence helped offset a fall in automobile which dragged down regional exports, plunging by 45.9% year-on-year. However, exports to the United States increased by 3.4% and shipments to China grew by 17.7%. Furthermore, imports grew 10.9% in March ahead of market forecasts which led to smaller trade surplus of 667 billion yen below the estimates of 1.1 trillion yen.[\(Source\)](#)
- Chinese carmaker GWM announced plans to launch at least 10 new models in Europe over the next two years. This will be the brand's second attempt in Europe after it could not get traction due to intense competition. This fresh European push will commence in 13 European markets over the next 12 months and GWM will launch a broader mix of vehicles and powertrains including hybrids and combustion-engine models as well as EVs. The company has said it aims to build a factory in Europe with an annual production capacity of 300,000 cars by 2029.[\(Source\)](#)

Others

- Nigeria's Dangote oil refinery has reached a deal with Honeywell to use the U.S. industrial group's technology to build up production of petrochemicals for plastics and detergents, the companies said, expanding the \$20 billion complex's footprint beyond fuels and making Nigeria less dependent on imports.[\(Source\)](#)
- Pan-African lender Ecobank is in talks with Bank of China to launch a direct local-currency-to-yuan settlement product for its customers by year end, its group CEO said, citing rising trade and commercial ties between Africa and China. The move by Togo-based Ecobank and the majority state-owned Chinese lender, comes as some African markets explore alternatives to the dollar for cross-border payments, including the Chinese currency.[\(Source\)](#)

Local News

- The SEMDEX rose by 0.63% to close at 2,264.06. In the banking segment, MCBG increased to MUR 423.75 (+1.4%) with MUR 16.13m traded, while SBM edged up to MUR 6.52 (+0.3%). Among conglomerates, IBL advanced to MUR 27.00 (+1.3%), Alteo rose to MUR 11.30 (+0.4%), while ER Group declined to MUR 19.30 (-1.0%) and Medine slipped to MUR 53.25 (-1.4%). Ascencia advanced to MUR 18.20 (+0.6%). In the hotel segment, NMH increased to MUR 13.50 (+0.7%).



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